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In re Application of:)
Seung-Choul YANG, et al.) Confirmation No.: 5055
Application No.: 10/043,178) Group Art Unit: 3732
Filed: January 14, 2002) Examiner: A. Ramana
For: SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS AND)
METHOD FOR CREATING)
ANATOMIC WORKING SPACE IN)
MINILAPAROTOMY PROCEDURE)

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 5), the period for response to which has been extended three months through May 19, 2004, by the attached petition for extension of time and appropriate fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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02 FC:2253 475.00 DA

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ ____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).